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Celebrating Elementary School Grads: Special Section Inside

‘Loved by all who knew him’

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

It’s been 30 years since Ontario Provincial Police Constable Eric Nystedt’s life ended tragically during a long-weekend shift, but he still lives vividly in the minds of those who knew him.

Most will never forget the heartwrenching early morning of July 3, 1993 when Nystedt was killed on duty by an intoxicated man near Kinmount.

“There are days that it seems like a life-time ago, and other days it’s still so fresh. I think of him everyday, and I’m grateful for the time we had together,” said Nystedt’s fiancée at the time, Joanne Urban.

Mike and Deb Landry were close friends of Nystedt during his time in Haliburton County.

Mike, a fellow OPP officer, was Nystedt’s partner on the road. The pair often attended calls together. They were the only constables on duty when Nystedt was killed.

“He’s always on my mind, on a daily basis. Here we are 30 years later, and I just want everyone to remember him. He was just such a good guy,” said Mike, with Deb adding, “The years go by, but that feeling never goes away. That feeling of him being gone feels just as fresh as it did 30 years ago.”

Nystedt originally hailed from Sault Ste. Marie, and although the 24-year-old only lived in Haliburton County for less than three years, he certainly made his mark in the Highlands.

He quickly integrated himself into a normally tightly-woven community and be-

came a smiling face recognizable to all.

“He was involved in so much in such a short time,” Mike said.

Nystedt joined Sir Sam’s Ski Patrol, a tennis club, a basketball program, a gym and was an avid biker. He always encouraged others to join him.

“I can’t believe that he used to ride his bike up to the ski hill just so he could work out running up and down the hill on his days off. He’d always call me and ask if I wanted to go with him,” Mike laughed.

Brian Plouffe remembers Nystedt fondly from playing tennis with him at the local club at the time.

“He was such a friendly, down to earth guy,” Plouffe said.

Urban said Nystedt thrived in the Highlands.

“He loved Haliburton. He was very much an outdoors, active person. He loved sports. He loved to hike, run and mountain bike, and he loved to be by the water. The Minden detachment was a great fit for him when he was placed there,” she said. “We would go to the grocery store, and he would always say hi to everyone. That was just who he was as a person. I think whether he was in Haliburton, Ottawa, or the Sault, that’s just who he was.”

He attended Carleton University and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in psychology before attending school at the Ontario Police College to become an officer.

While at the Ontario Police College in 1990, Nystedt set a record for running the fastest 1.5 mile race. His record remained

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Play ball!

A young baseball player keeps his eye on the prize on Monday evening at the Minden Minor Baseball League game. With well over 100 people in attendance, the games provided fun and entertainment for everyone. /TIM YANO special to the Times



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Remembering Eric Nystedt

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unbroken for over 20 years.

It was in Ottawa where Urban met Nystedt, "Like most couples did in those days, at the bar," Urban laughed.

The couple were together for five years before he was killed.

"He was hardworking, honest, and very loyal. He was a lot of fun and a really great friend to everyone around him," Urban said. "I can say all these wonderful things that people say about people when they're gone, but they're true. They were true then, before any of the events happened, and I'm sure they would've stood the test of time today."

As a kid, Nystedt loved to stay active. His passion for sports was instilled in him at a young age from doing activities with his parents and brother.

"We'd swim, play in the gym, climb ropes, and Eric played hockey, basketball, and baseball. We always went biking and hiking, and I taught them to ski," said Nystedt's mother, Mary-Lou Buerkle.

As an example of his honesty and generosity, she shared a story about 10-year-old Nystedt when he found a \$20 bill on the floor of a store. He gave it to the store owner, and was told that if nobody claimed the money in a week, he could keep it.

"Eric was very generous; I remember it was just before Christmas, and Eric bought his father, his brother and his mother a gift out of his \$20," Buerkle said.

In Sault Ste. Marie, the Eric Nystedt Park and Memorial Playground is named in his honour.

"When Eric passed away, people came into the OPP Police Station in Minden and donated \$14,000. This \$14,000 goes towards the Eric Nystedt Memorial Bursary Fund at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School," Buerkle said.

OPP memorials were held for Nystedt, and a large visitation took place in the gym of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Mike and Deb said many who knew Eric from Haliburton made the eight hour drive to his memorial in Sault Ste. Marie.



Ontario Provincial Police Constable Eric Nystedt worked out of the Minden detachment and was tragically killed on duty during the July long weekend of 1993. /Photo submitted

The bridge that crosses the Gull River on Highway 35 is dedicated to the memory of Nystedt as well as Corporal James Smith and Detective Sergeant Lorne J. Chapitis who were killed in 1968.

Urban said she hopes those who knew Nystedt or not can still honour him by carrying on the legacy of his generosity.

"Be kind and help others, because that's who he was," she said.

"His gravestone says it best. It has an OPP emblem carved into it, a pair of running shoes, and a basketball. It says at the bottom, 'Loved by all who knew him,' and that is true. There wasn't a mean bone in his body. He believed in right and wrong, and was just so kind."



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VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

July 27 – Regular Council Meeting
August 31 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July and August.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in person or joining a live-stream link available on the township CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx.

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CULTURAL CENTRE EVENTS

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place will be on display from July 6 to September 2 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. This personal family exhibit features original paintings and limited-edition prints by renowned artist and naturalist Robert Bateman; Alan, Brad, Jack & Ross Bateman, and photographs by Birgit Freybe Bateman. The opening reception will take place on Saturday July 8 from 1-4 pm. Seating is full for the artist talk but exhibit viewing is available from 1:00-4:00 pm. The opening will include charcuterie from EAT Cheeserie and refreshments. Alcoholic beverage will be available for purchase by cash. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or look at the events calendar calendar.mindenhill.ca/default/Detail/2023-07-06-1000-Bateman-Family-A-Sense-of-Place.

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is now open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Hands-on activities take place every day at 11 am and 2 pm including rock painting, wildlife sketching and ice-cream making. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or go to our website at mindenhills.ca/en/News/media-release-23-54-mhcc-july-programs.aspx.

Come out and visit Turtle Guardians at Nature's Place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday, July 15 from 1-3 pm. Meet LIVE turtles and turtle experts. Learn about what threatens them and how to help our shelled friends! For more information call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

CT scanner and mammography unit coming to hospital

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Haliburton Highlands Health Services received long-awaited news that diagnostic imaging will be brought to the Haliburton Hospital to serve local patients.

Approval was recently granted for the purchase and operation of a CT scanner and CT mammography unit to be installed in the spring of 2024 at a cost of approximately \$3.5 million.

The announcement was made on Friday, July 7 in the space where both pieces of equipment will be installed at HHHS in Haliburton.

“We know that early detection and diagnosis of a health issue is more than just a matter of convenience, it has immense benefit on a person’s quality of life, prognosis, and treatment path,” said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott. “And with this new equipment, people in Haliburton County and the surrounding areas can expect to receive quicker access to the diagnostic imaging services they need closer to home.”

HHHS said the equipment will relieve strain on local paramedic services and help attract more medical staff to the Highlands.

“Next spring, how we deliver care locally will change,” said acting president and CEO of HHHS Veronica Nelson. “For example, if your parent, sibling, or your friend falls and hits their head and they require a CT scan, they will no longer have to be sent by ambulance to the nearest CT scanner over an hour away. Instead, they will be wheeled down this hall into this room to have their CT in that corner.”

The results will be electronically sent to a radiologist.



Haliburton County Councillor Dave Burton, HHHS acting president and CEO Veronica Nelson, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, HHHS Foundation executive director Melanie Klodt-Wong, and chief of Haliburton County Paramedic Services Tim Waite each spoke during the announcement for a CT scanner and Mammography unit to be brought to the Haliburton Hospital next year. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

The local emergency physician can contact a neurosurgeon to access the images at the same time.

“Similarly, when it comes to mammography, it is one of the most effective ways of detecting breast cancer in women,” she said.

Nelson said this unit will serve 6,000 at-risk women in the county.

“This is actually better than Christmas for us,” said chief of Haliburton County Paramedic Services Tim Waite. “I can’t emphasize enough how truly game-changing this is for paramedic services. Presently, we

transport over 350 patients a year to alternate facilities to receive this specialized diagnostic care. That represents over 2,000 hours that ambulances are outside of the county.”

Waite said ambulances can now spend more time in the county attending 911 calls.

“This is something that’s been on our wishlist for some time and will go a long way towards our efforts to recruit and retain physicians to our area,” said Highlands East Mayor and Haliburton County Councillor Dave Burton. “Hopefully we can see much improved response times within the county.”

Some HHHS staff members will take extra training to help operate the new equipment, but new staff will also need to be hired.

HHHS is hoping to replace current diagnostic imaging equipment from fundraising efforts made by the foundation.

“This approval now advances our plans for our major capital campaign. I look forward to providing more information about the campaign planning progress in the near future,” said executive director of HHHSF Melanie Klodt-Wong.

A Message from The Board of Directors of the Minden Agricultural Society and Proud Sponsor of the

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Thank you all - we couldn’t have done it without you!



HHHS Brings Together Emergency Services at Haliburton Site

Emergency services are no longer available at the HHHS Minden site.

This change came into effect on June 1, 2023, as a result of severe and on-going staffing shortages.

If you are in need of serious medical attention, always CALL 911.

Anyone needing emergency care can access services at the Haliburton site (7199 Gelert Road, Haliburton).

Visit www.hhhs.ca or call 705-457-1392 for more information.



Minden closes boardwalk for repairs

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Minden Hills residents are asked not to use the boardwalk while work is undertaken to restore the structure.

The boardwalk will be closed while repairs are carried out.

The public is asked to refrain from entering the construction site, using the boardwalk, or removing any barriers to the area during the restoration period.

It is anticipated that the project will take four to six weeks to complete.

The Minden Boardwalk restoration project involves the replacement of the boards and barriers and releveling of the support structures.

The work will improve the asset's lifespan and ensure user safety. The project is partially funded by an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant.

In May, council awarded the contract for the restoration of the Minden Boardwalk to Happy Trails Construction in the amount of \$159,500 plus taxes. They were among six contractors that submitted bids for the work.

The township previously earmarked \$150,000 in the 2023 municipal capital works budget for the restoration of the Minden Boardwalk and Riverwalk structure. But

town staff discovered that amount wouldn't have covered even the cheapest option to rectify flood damage to the boardwalk.

Council was told March 7 that the more likely price range for the job was between \$180,000 and \$210,000. The rest of the money earmarked for the job has been allocated as a contingency for the project. It's about \$20,500.

The boardwalk is about 384 metres long and 2.45 metres wide. All decking material will be replaced with pressure-treated wood onto existing helical piles, which will be secured by bolted connection.

All safety curbs will be replaced with pressure-treated wood on both sides of the walkway.

This scope of work was based on an inspection report from Tulloch Engineering on March 16, 2021.

Information and updates on the closure and subsequent re-opening will be communicated by media releases, on the municipal website and through corporate social media channels, as it becomes available.

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Celebrating summer

Organizers of the Norland Summer Festival share a laugh on July 9 as they set up the dunk tank for the festivities. /TIM YANO special to the Times



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A shoutout to the small things

CONGRATULATIONS TO all graduates who walked across the stage these past few weeks. It's certainly a time to celebrate, to reflect, and to cherish.

As I watched so many kids shake hands with teachers and smile for their photos, I was brought back to my own chapter in school.

I was a decent student. I cared about some subjects, and didn't have the time of day for others. I was never that kid who won endless awards. And I truly recognize how hard those kids work to get those awards, but it was never something I was able to manage.

I remember when I graduated from Hal High; wearing the same red robes so many wear year after year, and thinking about how we measure success.

Grades and numbers and attendance.

I remember thinking; wouldn't it be great for that kid who makes everyone laugh to get an award. Or the one who doesn't understand math, but helps at the Breakfast Nook every week. Or the one who fought all the odds, and still showed up every day.

We are so focused on celebrating the big things, we so often overlook the little things.

This concept always floats to the surface of my mind this time of year; the lazy hazy days of early summer. Awards season for so many.

Perhaps that was why it felt so fresh again just this past week. But this time, I wasn't thinking about how it applies to kids and grades. I was thinking about communities.

I spend a lot of time in the core of Minden. I am also a reporter for the

Haliburton Echo, so I dedicate my energy there, as well.

But this week, I went exploring. I spent an afternoon at the Stanhope Museum; a tiny one-room space that is quite literally filled to the rafters with artifacts; each beautifully captured and shared in a way that transports you to the past.

I spent another afternoon this week out in Irondale, where George Simmons gave me a tour of the century-old church, and tales about the many highs and lows the community has seen over the decades.

**EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

There are these little communities that fall under our bailiwick, but are often passed by for larger populations, areas, or stories. And even if their names aren't in the newspaper every week, it doesn't mean that their contributions to our community as a whole

should be ignored. We shouldn't be so focused on the big things, that we overlook the little things.

Because as a community, it's these tiny towns that provide so much of the heart and soul we carry within us. There is a pride to these places that is immeasurable; a history that is vibrant, and a future that seems simultaneously certain and uncertain.

Just like so many graduates.

I encourage everyone to visit these corners of our community, to understand, to learn, to explore. And to every graduate, even if you didn't clean up in the hardware department, I hope you know the invaluable contribution you've made to our corner of the world; just by being a part of it.

Kwarky



Old standbys

MY FATHER loved to fish for pike. This was one of the greatest gifts he ever gave to us – not because he passed along a love of fishing – but rather because this made him easy to shop for at Christmas and on his birthday. The only person who was as easy to shop for in my family was my brother because we had, and still have, similar interests. So, I would buy my brother some hunting or fishing gizmo that I liked, knowing that I would be able to “borrow” it whenever he wasn't looking. And he would reciprocate.

It was a fine arrangement.

On the other hand, I strongly suspect it would have been easier to buy a gift for an extra-terrestrial than my mother or sister. Their interests differed vastly from that of my dad, my brother and me – as evidenced by the fact that my sister took back the fish bonker I once bought her, even though it was the one wedding gift on the table all the other married women said they wished they had.

Getting back to my father, the other gift his love of pike fishing provided was that it taught me one of cardinal rules of fishing. That being, an angler can have a whole tackle box of lures, but he or she generally believes only one of them works.

For my dad, it was the Dardevle, that classic red and white pike spoon. All the rest were just for show.

And it was quite a show too. My father was not a dead lifter in the classic sense, but I knew he could have been one, based on the size of the tackle box he carried. Dad's tackle box had more levels and

square footage than your average big city apartment building.

My brother and I took it as our sworn duty to ensure its compartments were occupied. On most birthdays and Christmases, we'd buy him the pike lures or pike rigs that the owner of the fishing shop assured us were effective and the latest thing. Dad would receive them graciously, nod and then place them in the tackle box. I think he appreciated the fact that they weren't ties or cologne.

After he died, most of those lures could have been sold as new, however.

He might fish with one of them for a cast or two – and even catch fish – but he'd invariably return to the Dardevle. It was tried and true and his old standby – because he had confidence when he fished with it. That lure caught him countless pike.

My best buddy is the same way. He brings out a hefty tackle box every time we fish. And without fail, he ties on a Pop-R topwater lure.

I think that is the way it is with most anglers. A favourite lure is not just an effective one, but it is also a keepsake and a reminder of good times. It might even be a bit of a talisman for the more superstitious and a good luck charm for the optimists.

Although I am my father's son, I am different in my own way. Yet, when I see a Dardevle, I smile and recall those good times in a boat with dad. But I also think he was a little narrow-minded and maybe even silly to rely on a Dardevle – especially when you could use an olive beadhead woolly bugger.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Finding a way to say thank you

THUMBS UP to my little sister. She can turn mud pies into chocolate cakes. Or, a bad experience into something helpful to others. She was bike riding with her daughter recently in eastern Ontario when her bike's front wheel hit a crumbled piece of pavement. She was thrown over the handlebars and landed hard, breaking her arm.

She was immobile on the road's edge with her daughter trying to help when a car approached. It didn't stop to help. It didn't slow down and it narrowly missed hitting them.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

When told the story I went into my "world gone crazy" outrage. It's a sick, sick society when a driver races past an injured person lying on the edge of a road.

My sister had a different take. She told how some nice people came out to help from a nearby house, arranging for an ambulance, trying to make her comfortable etc.

Then came the hospital story, one much different from what we so often hear these days.

The emergency room was packed, as many are these days. But instead of taking my sister's OHIP card and telling her to take a seat, a nurse immediately set her up with a comfortable sling, gave her pain medication, then had her take a seat.

She didn't complain about having to wait to see a doctor because the sling and pills made it easier to bear.

My sister is a person who believes people who do their jobs thoughtfully and with kindness should be thanked and told how their work truly helped. So, she called the hospital communications department to have her appreciation passed on to ER staff and the one nurse in particular.

There she stepped into the madness of our computer-controlled world. She was told to go to her laptop, tap this, tap that and eventually end up at a screen displaying a form. Fill out the form, then tap some more to send the completed form into the miasma of hospital bureaucracy.

My sister believes there must be an easier way to pass along appreciation and thanks.

I suppose one could still use the old-fashioned approach of writing a letter, searching for an address, addressing an envelope, inserting the letter, licking the envelope seal and paying \$1 plus for a stamp then posting the letter and hoping it might find the right person.

We now live in the digital age surrounded by software engineers who work daily at changing the way we do things. Surely some of them can design a digital way to say thank you quickly and directly.

My sister wonders why there isn't a system with which any company that deals with people – not just hospitals – has a simple-to-reach site just for compliments. It takes in messages of thanks and appreciation and directs them to the employee.

Something that bypasses the nests of bureaucracy and computer systems that complicate simple living. Something that you can do quickly on your cell phone while the experience is still fresh in your mind.

It's an interesting thought. Perhaps someone will pick up on it and one day we'll be able to send a kudo to a helpful person without the usual rigamarole.

Meanwhile my sister turned to social media to try to thank the nurse for her exceptional kindness. Her post included the following:

"You will never know the impact your kindness had on me that day. You could have just as easily taken my info when I came in and had me go back to a seat. Instead you gave me a new sling to comfort me while I waited and gave me medication to relieve the excruciating pain the fractures in my arm were causing. Thank you for making the rest of that day tolerable. I hope this message finds you somehow."

I too hope it finds her.

It's a harsh world out there where excellent and intelligent job performance mixed with kindness are not easy to find. When we do find it we should celebrate it and have better ways of passing along our thanks and appreciation.

letters to the editor

Wait times frustrating

To the Editor,

Here I am in the emerg department at the HHHS in Haliburton, waiting for news on a loved one. I'm also watching as the politicians and honoured guests come in and out for the big CT Scanner announcement.

30 minute wait time for an ambulance and EMS to arrive at my home. Kudos to EMS for doing the best they can with the shortages of EMS staff and vehicles on the road.

Stanhope base is just around the corner from me, but the reason for the long wait time after I called 911 was explained as shortages of vehicles and staff due to the amount of calls.

Kudos also to the amazing Nursing staff and doctors who give it their all and do what they can. I totally respect all of you.

This whole situation is messed up. This just fuels our fight.

Shortages of staff, challenges finding staff, finances...all smoke and mirrors...just ask HHHS and the Ministry Of Health about the new CT Scanner and how we got to this point.

What good is a CT scanner if you don't make it to the ER. What good is a CT scanner without the staff.

There was something good happening in the Minden area prior to April 20th. But we were robbed. We won't stand for this.

I'll keep saying it...In my opinion, HHHS executive and board need to resign. MOH needs to

put a supervisor in place, reopen the Minden ER and sort out this mess. Haliburton is a mess and it needs to get fixed for all of us..

The HHHS site is a standing waiting room at the moment. This unfortunately is not accessible, quality health care. This is chaos.

No CT scanner or other new technology is going to bring nurses and doctors here when the hospital lacks the priorities and abilities to make it work. Put the money back into the Minden ER where it was working.

MOH and Doug Ford. Get to Minden and Haliburton NOW. See exactly what you've helped create and start dealing with first hand!

We will get louder!

I'm angry and not in the mindset to deal with this right now, but can't ignore it.

As Veronica Nelson and Laurie Scott passed me in the hall way, I had the right to voice my opinion.

But I have something more important to me in the Emerg today! For my family and for my community, please!

Stand by our group. Support all Groups. We need to get louder!

We will not stand for this in our community and we will not stand for this across Rural Ontario. Stand up and be heard!

Patrick Porzuczek
Minden

Correction

In last week's *Minden Times*, there was reference to Colin McKnight as the chief building official. It was noted after publication that McKnight is no longer working for the municipality, and the work is now being completed by David Rogers.

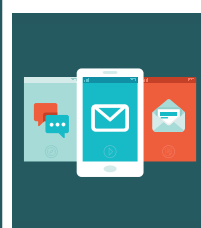
HCPL's Book of the Week



Nobody said starting fifth grade would be easy, and Penny Lowry's anxiety means a million questions are always spinning through her thoughts. Luckily she's got a lot to look forward to, like her favorite after-school activity, Art Club, and seeing her best friend Violet again after spending the whole summer apart.

The thing is, Violet has been acting weird ever since she got back. She never wants to hang out anymore, says Art Club is for babies, and spends all her time with Riley, the meanest girl in school. Did Penny do something wrong? And if she did, can she undo it?

Recommended for ages eight to 12, *Penny Draws a Best Friend* by Sara Shepard is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.



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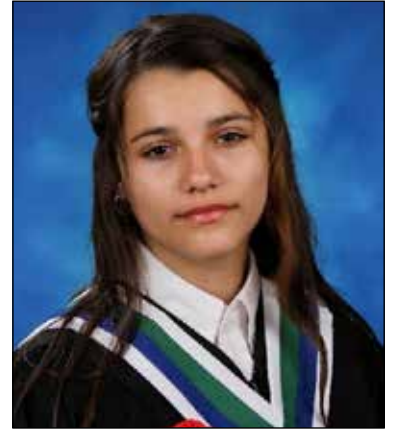
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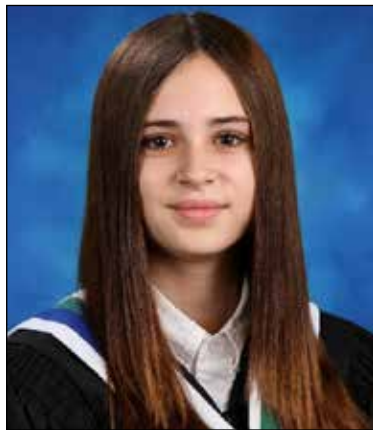
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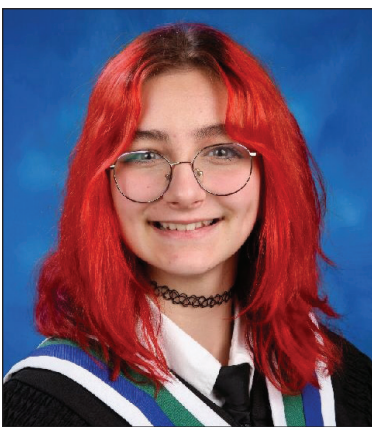
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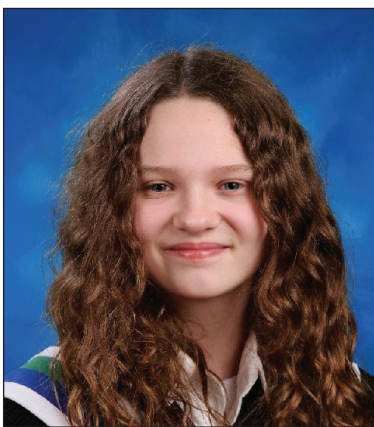
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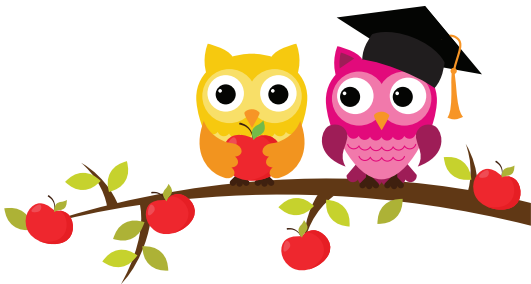


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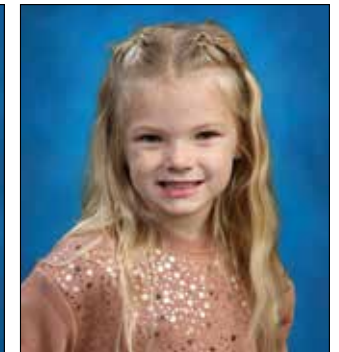
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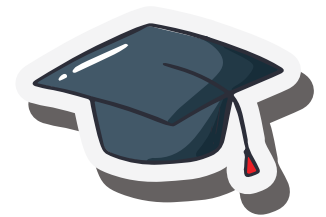
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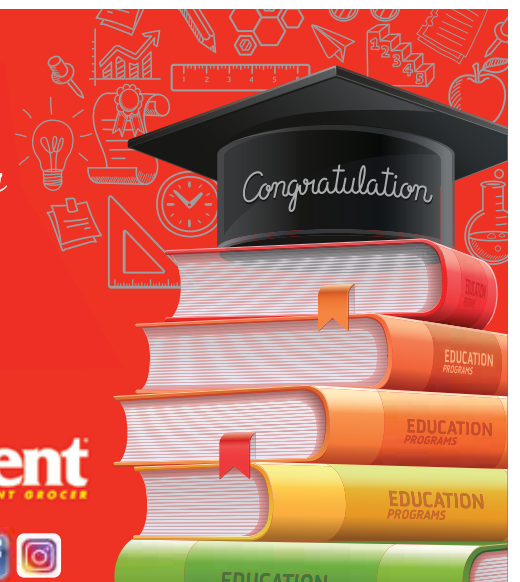
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Don't give up. Don't ever give up.

There are times when life is going to seem too hard. There are times when life is going to try to knock you down and sometimes you will fall. Get up. Always get up. Anyone who has ever done anything great, anything worthwhile, has had to get up. They had to be resilient and rise stronger.

Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team.

JK Rowling was on government aid and couldn't feed her family before she wrote Harry Potter

Walt Disney was fired from his job because he wasn't imaginative or creative enough.

They all got up. They never gave up. I can't guarantee you many things in life, but I can guarantee you that if you quit you are certain to fail. Take life on. Say yes I will do it - I can do it. It's your time. It might be hard, but it is worth it.

You have to have a plan. If all you ever do is what is easy now, life is going to be hard later. Let me repeat that. If all you ever do is what is easy now, life is going to be hard later. If you do the hard work now. The hard work for the next four years in high school, life is going to be easier..

Let's do some math.

High school is 4 years long. The average lifespan of a Canadian is 81.75 years. That means your high school years can represent less than 5 per cent of your life. Less than Five-percent. Making the sacrifice now, for

the next four years, can change the course of your entire life. Whether you are headed to university, college, the trades, the workplace or starting your own business, your hard work in the next four years will make it all easier. Hand in your assignments on time, listen to the lessons, do your homework. Put the cell phone down and pick life up.

Set goals. Long range and short range - micro and macro. Make a choice of who you are going to be and how you are going to do it. Begin each day by making your bed. Why? Because it is practicing success. It begins each day with an achievement. It creates neural patterns in your brain that reinforce the completion of tasks and achievement of goals. It gives you gratification, it gives you confidence. You can create victory, you can create power.

Make school a pleasurable place to be. Get involved. Hal High is going to offer you the opportunity to join many clubs, sports and social groups. Pick one. Pick many. Pursue them with all the passion you have. It will make school a place you want to be. You will wake

up - make your bed - and want to be there. Your success in this will build on your success in your studies. Your connections with some of your peers will last a lifetime.

Be sure that your short term goals, your micro goals force you to work hard but that they are achievable in the near future. Sometimes when goals are too big or too far off we get derailed. We start to believe that we might not make it. Chart the small successes so you can see the consistent progression towards the end goal. Understand how you got what you wanted. Repeat the process again and again and again. If something goes wrong, do what Ted Lasso says and be a goldfish. Do you know why a goldfish is the happiest animal on the planet? Because it has a 10 second memory. It doesn't dwell on what happened in the past. It focuses on what it needs to do next.

Don't give up. Don't ever give up.

Congratulations Graduates! Wildcats ROAR!

Mike Gevais, ASES Principal

Hello I am Elyse Boisvert, and I am honored to be the valedictorian for the graduating class of 2023.

For those who don't know me, my Great Grandmother Lenore Prentice was a volunteer for the breakfast club for 14 years and was known for her chocolate chip cookies, and her rice krispie squares. My Grandparents on my mom's side both graduated ASES, and then my Grandma returned as Mrs Berry to teach here for many years.

My mom Tanya also graduated from ASES, and so did both my brothers whom you may know, Cole and Broden. And now there's me!

To all of the graduating class of 2023 here tonight. WE DID IT!

We have finished our Grade 8 year and have

so many memories to share.

Personally, I loved the Niagara Falls trip with my friends. Watching us get drenched on the Maid of the Mist! I'd say that it was more for the experience points, then really being able to take it all in because you really could not see much from the bottom of the falls with the amount of water in your eyes.

To our teachers, thank you for your patience and passion in teaching us. You've made learning exciting and helped us understand even the toughest subjects. We appreciate your commitment to our education. I would like to acknowledge the Pod Teachers for making this year amazing for all of us and for giving us the opportunity to make new memories with each other at Niagara Falls, sports

events, having us race to husk the corn for the open house and taking us to the arena for the O.P.P vs students hockey game.

To the school staff, from our custodians to the administrators, thank you for keeping our school safe and running smoothly. Your behind-the-scenes efforts don't go unnoticed, and we're grateful for everything you do. You have created a supportive and inspiring environment that has shaped us into the individuals we are today. As we move on to the next chapter, we'll always remember the lessons and memories we've shared.

So, once again, thank you, teachers and Archie staff, for everything. We truly appreciate you!

I have been thinking about what to share

with you all, and when I look back, I think it's about the little things.. The small moments of kindness, like sharing a cookie, holding the door open, or even just greeting someone. I believe it is not as important to win the trophy or to be the best, as it is to try each day to do one little thing well, to be kind, to try a little harder, or to even just be brave. As we graduate here tonight try to remember to do one little thing each day to make a difference for yourself or someone else. That is what makes life so special, 'The little things'. Thank you so much for listening and I hope you all have great new memories to share when we graduate again four years from now!

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Micah Kegel, Christina Weerdenburg

Archie Stouffer Math Award:
Viliya Ianovskaia, Evelyn Ryan

Canadian Parents for French award:
Jayla Bird, Viliya Ianovskaia

A.S.E.S Award for The Arts
Skylar Wright, Jayla Bird

Minden Hills Museum History Award:
Holly Crego, Harmony Bliedung

A.S.E.S Geography award:
Evelyn Ryan, Jacob Mantle

Honour Awards

The **Arcadia Masonic Lodge Award** is presented annually to a student who has

worked very hard to succeed at school. Congratulations to this year's recipient: *Emma Bull*

The **Alan Walker Memorial Award for Citizenship** is given to a student who has been of great assistance to staff and other students. The student is recognized for their willingness to be supportive and readily willing to help the adults at school and to their peers. Congratulations to this year's recipient: *Elyse Boisvert*

The award for **Academic Excellence** is presented to a student who has achieved academic honours, meaning an average of at least 80 per cent across all subject areas. In addition this student has demonstrated a thirst for knowledge and a commitment to learning. Congratulations to this year's recipient: *Viliya Ianovskaia*

The **Character Education Award** is presented to students who have exemplified the TLDSB character traits of Goal Setting, Honesty, Perseverance, Fairness, Responsibility, Citizenship, Compassion, Respect, Trustworthiness and Self Control during their school years. Congratulations

to this year's recipients: *Christina Weerdenburg, Joshlynn Ruff*

The **Sarah Bloomfield Award** is presented to a student who is fun loving, has a zest for life and is always a spark in the room. Congratulations to this year's recipient: *Holly Crego*

The **Athletic Sportsmanship Award** is presented to students who have demonstrated a positive attitude, respect for self and others as well as good sportsmanship on school sports teams and in gym class. Congratulations to this year's recipients: *Taylor Mulock, Jace Arteau*

The **Athletic Achievement Award** is presented to a student who has demonstrated a high standard of achievement, skill and sportsmanship on school sports teams and in gym class. Congratulations to this year's recipients: *Hailey Smith, Fallon Thorn*

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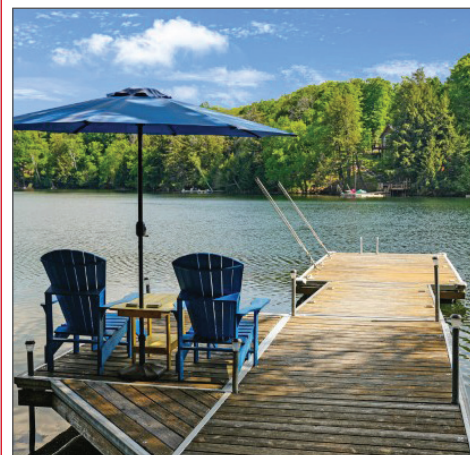


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The small but mighty Stanhope Museum

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

You know what they say; good things come in small packages.

That could not be more true for the Stanhope Heritage Museum. Nestled in the heart of Algonquin Highlands, the tiny space boasts over 140 years of records and artifacts from the region.

The building formerly housed the original Stanhope Council meetings. On January 15, 1866 the first council meeting of Stanhope Township was held in what is now Minden. At that time, the meetings were held in people's private homes.

By 1910, a resolution was passed to build a formal council hall. The building was opened on Dominion Road in Stanhope, and "was known to host the odd square dance where folks say the loggers - and their boots, made quite an impression!" reads a plaque outside the museum.

By 1966, the one-room council chamber opted for more room in the Lower Maple Lake Schoolhouse, which resulted in the hall being left empty. In 1995, Stanhope Council asked community volunteers to create a local museum, and the small building was re-located to where it now sits today, near the Algonquin Highlands Township buildings.

One volunteer who has poured his heart and soul into that one room building is Bill



Volunteers Bev Coneybeare and Bill Forbes stand out front the Stanhope Heritage Museum, which at one point housed the council meetings before becoming a museum for visitors. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

Forbes, who has spent the past 25 years learning about the history, geography, and stories of the Stanhope region. "I've only been in the area since 1946," laughed Forbes, "I'm still a newbie!"

Forbes has a vast understanding of the artifacts that line the walls of the museum, and provides individual anecdotes and personal

stories along with each piece.

Currently, the displays in the museum include a full history of the 50 years of the Stanhope Fire Department, a detailed miniature one-room schoolhouse, an in-depth history of logging in the area, a series of charcoal portraits of locals over the years, a series of standalone facts and figures that highlight the heritage, and an information corner where folks can research their family trees and local properties.

One particular area of interest is the different uses of the words "Boshkung" and

"Boskung".

"Boshkung has been spelled differently on maps over the years, including Bushk-Konk, Bushconk, and Buskank," reads the plaque on the museum. "Where did Boshkung come from?"

According to the history, there were five applications made to request a post office in the area. The 1878 application was the first to suggest "Bushkonk", after the lake itself, but when the community received the paperwork back for the post office, the letters were transposed, and spelled out "Boskung."

Many locals still refer to the area as Boskung, though it was noted that it has gradually evolved to become Boshkung over the years.

The museum is filled with anecdotes just like this, that make the place so many call home that much richer and more colourful.

For Forbes, it's not just the stories that paint the picture of the area. "Being here, over time, the thing that's so wonderful, is just all the people who come in."

While the museum is open Wednesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., Forbes made it clear that he is open to welcoming guests and groups outside of those hours if arrangements are made in advance. He shared that he has hosted car clubs, bike tours, and family reunions onsite, and is eager to meet more people, and welcome new visitors onto the site. "There's lots I can tell people," Forbes said, "but there's so much more they can tell me."

The museum is located at 1123 North Shore Road in Algonquin Highlands, and can be reached at 705-489-2379.

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A love for the Highlands

by **CHRISTINE CARR**
Times Staff

I have been known by many things in my 34 years: Terry's daughter (if you are in real estate); Johnny's daughter (if you are from West Guilford); Shannon's sister (most of my High School life); Ms. Carr (if you are at HHSS), and now I am adding one more thing to the list: summer reporter.

This ever-growing list is representative of why this community means so much to me, and why I am so excited to share my love of this community with the audience of the *Echo* and the *Times*.

Growing up in the Haliburton Highlands, community has always been an integral part of my life.

Coming of age in the same town as my mother, a Gelert native, and seeing my family's history in the buildings around me taught me the importance of cherishing how lucky we are in this county for what we have.

Seeing the town's history in the crumbling houses that no longer stand, but once stood testament to Gelert's proud history, awakened my love of history and my desire to learn more about our proud community.

Attending the same high school as both of my parents, where I now teach, flamed my desire to one day return and help teach the youth in the county.

All of these things helped shape me into who I am today. They helped give voice to my love of my local community and my desire to give back to the region that raised me and my parents.

Although I moved away after high school, attending

Nipissing University and obtaining degrees in English Literature and History, as well as my Bachelor of Education, I always planned to one day return home.

After University, I had the unforgettable opportunity to teach in Indigenous communities across Northern Ontario and Quebec, most notably the Cree community of Eastmain, Quebec.

These experiences helped shape me as a teacher and an individual, as I learned the importance of Indigenous People on the landscape of Canada, as well as the crucial role all Canadians play in promoting reconciliation within Canada.

Growing up in the Haliburton Highlands has helped shape who I am and my passions.

I love exploring the outdoors, whether by kayak or on foot, and escaping into the wilderness, exploring the forests and lakes of the County.

I love giving back to the community through my work with Rotaract Haliburton Highlands. This love for the area is why I am so excited to join the *Times* for the summer and experience and share everything this county has to offer.

I look forward to the adventures we can have together over the summer and all of the amazing events and moments that we can share.

You can contact me by email at christine@haliburtonpress.com.



Christine Carr will be working as a summer reporter for the *Echo*, *Times*, and *County Life*.



Notice Tariff of Fees

Notice is hereby provided that the Council of the County of Haliburton will be reviewing and considering amendments to the Tariff of Fees By-law-4145 at the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

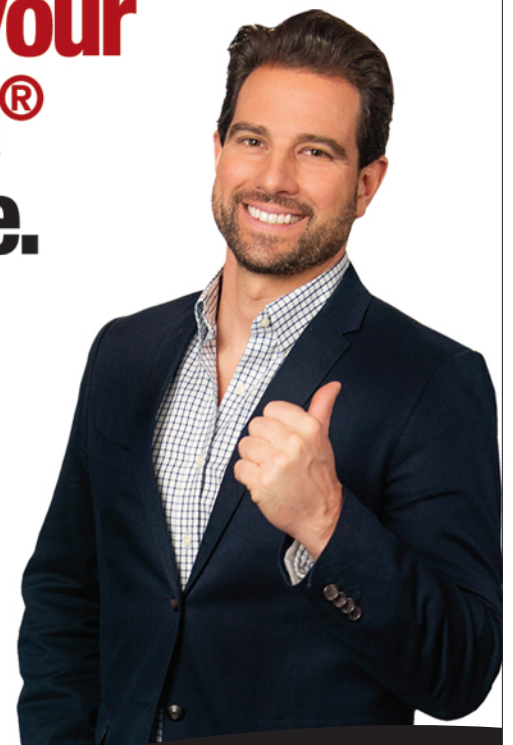
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Notice of Declaration of Surplus Lands and Proposed Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Policy 52 – To Establish Procedures for the Sale of Real Property and Resolution 2021-495, adopted by the Council of the Township of Minden Hills at its Special Meeting on October 4, 2021, that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has declared the following lands surplus to the Municipality’s needs:

Part Lot 3, Concession A, Part of former Milne Street, being parts of Part 1, 2 and 3 on Draft Reference Plan dated March 28, 2022, as prepared by Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. and having municipal address 2 Newcastle Street, in the geographic Township of Minden Hills, in the County of Haliburton.

And Further Take Notice that Council shall hear any person who wishes to comment on the proposed declaration of surplus land; such person may do so by:

- a) making a written submission to the Township Clerk.
To provide input in writing, please contact the undersigned or e-mail admin@mindenhills.ca

For further information on the sale of this property, please contact Ken Barrick, Royal LePage ProAlliance Realty, at 705-743-3636.

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Municipal Act, 2001
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TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on August 14, 2023, at the Township Office.

Legal Description:

- PT LT 13 CON 14 SNOWDON PT 5 19R2400, EXCEPT PT 1 19R5404; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39309-0182 (LT).
Roll # 46 16 042 000 11200 0000 – Township of Minden Hills
Municipal Address: N/A
Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,408.47
- PT LT 16 CON 10 MINDEN AS IN H35319; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39190-0078 (LT).
Roll # 46 16 032 000 59600 0000 – Township of Minden Hills
Municipal Address: N/A
Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,849.96
- PT LT 15 CON 3 SNOWDON AS IN SN2258; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39220-0120 (LT).
Roll # 46 16 041 000 24600 0000 -Township of Minden Hills
Municipal Address: N/A
Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,118.51
- PT LT 8 CON 9 SNOWDON PT 2 19R5597; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39216-0104 (LT).
Roll # 46 16 041 000 56855 0000 – Township of Minden Hills
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This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and the *Municipal Tax Sales Rules* made under that Act.

Further information about this matter is available online at www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/, or you may contact:

Sherry Mulholland, Deputy Treasurer
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Wayne worked for Dysart et al for 30-plus years. He was instrumental in the development and progress of Haliburton Village and County. He was a pioneer in the paramedic services in the primary years, leading up to where EMS is today. He was an intelligent and kind man. He will be missed dearly.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 for a Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation starting at 9:30 a.m.). Interment at Evergreen Cemetery Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Acute & ER Equipment, Dysart Fire Department or Extendicare - Proud Pioneers would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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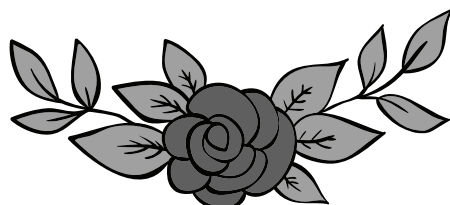
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They're known as River Rats and each year they complete a migration from Rotary Park to Gull Lake. This is the fourth year for the excursion which has become a tradition for these twenty youths. The group is seen here as they float past Minden Village on their way to a downstream destination.

Cottagers support liming proposal

Haliburton County Council has found support, albeit belated, for its May resolution calling on the Ontario government to undertake an experimental program of liming lakes in the Highlands. The support was contained in a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Mountain Lake Property Owners' Association held earlier this month.

(The county council, coming under pressure from a number of sources, including members of the council, withdrew the resolution at the June meeting.)

The association resolution points out that the prospect is increasing of Haliburton lakes dying because of heightened acidity, and that the economic well-being of the area is dependent on tourism. The association stated that it supported the proposals from the Haliburton County Anti-Pollution Committee for an experiment liming project and urged the

county council to support it as well.

In a covering letter to the county council the association applauded the council for its initiative in considering the experimental lake liming project.

"We urge you (county council) to study the proposal further and not be deflected by bureaucratic stalling by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Get scientific opinion from other sources as well. There is considerable merit in the proposal to have an experiment tried and evaluated before the lakes become too far gone," the letter to the council stated.

The association, which has been actively concerned in the past with the impact of acidified precipitation on area lakes, also sent letters to Ontario Premier William Davis, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and U.S. President Jimmy Carter seeking their intervention in the acid rain problem.

\$400 deposit required for shore closing in Lutterworth Township

Lutterworth Township council has decided to ask for a \$400 deposit before accepting any application to close and sell shore allowances to the adjacent landowner. The policy was adopted at the July 17 meeting.

According to Reeve Ron Gambell, the deposit would ensure that the property owner intended to go through with the purchase of the shoreline. "We don't want to be tramping all over the township only to find an applicant has decided to withdraw his request," the reeve commented. He told the meeting that the members of the council have agreed to an

on-site inspection before approving any application.

The \$400 will be used to cover expenses incurred by the township in closing and selling the property. The deposit does not include the \$250 basic selling price which has been agreed to by the county council for a standard sized lot.

Councillor Bill Valentine noted that if the amount of money the township is holding exceeds the cost of processing an application, the money could be refunded.

Deputy Reeve Glyn Lewis asked how much of a deposit would be required in the case of an application being

received from a number of adjacent property owners. He noted that indications are that group closing would be less expensive because of the reduced cost for surveys, advertising and other details.

The consensus of the council was to leave the deposit amount at \$400 per property owner, in an effort to ensure that all those involved were serious about their application.

According to the clerk-treasurer, Wayne Hughes, some 26 applications have been received at the township office and many other ratepayers have sought information.

The councillors indicated they would be following the

guidelines set down in an agreement reached by county council.

Adding a new wrinkle to the entire question of closing lakefront shore allowance, Reeve Ron Gambell wondered what would happen if a landowner decided to purchase just the middle portion of a shore allowance in front of his property. Councillor Bill Valentine said, "It would create a horrible mess."

The council agreed that any applicant wishing to acquire the shore allowance would have to apply for all of it.

Standard application forms and an information package is being prepared by the township for distribution in response to requests from ratepayers.

Stanhope shore policy is coming

Stanhope Township council held a special meeting last Wednesday to discuss the policy of closing the 66 foot shore allowance that encircles many lakes in the area.

Stanhope's lawyer, Jim Cruikshank was on hand to discuss and explain the process cottagers and other owners must go through to purchase the 66 foot shore allowance.

The need for clarification and a complete understanding of the situation came after the application by a Maple Lake cottager to buy his shore allowance. Stanhope council

agreed in principle to close that particular allowance to vehicular traffic but further steps must now be taken and that is what Cruikshank was outlining.

Cruikshank attended a meeting on May 7 to discuss this same question but at that point, no definite county-wide policy had been set. However, one has now been adopted in principle and some people will be attempting to put the policy to the test.

The most important thing that Cruikshank emphasized to council last week is that an applicant for purchase of the shore allowance must obtain a survey and that it must be done by a surveyor and not guesswork and sketching by the applicant.

A survey will determine the exact boundaries of the applicant's property and will establish definitely the shore allowance perimeters.

The procedure for closure and sale of the shore allowance is long and can be tedious. The steps council discussed however are not final, because decisions were made to amend some of them. Awkward wording or an unclear meaning of terms were the main reasons for the amendments.

When contacted on Tuesday, Stanhope clerk-treasurer Gerald Bain said he had not yet received the amended copy of the policy.

When finalized, this policy will be the base which Stanhope council will use when a person from the township applies for purchase of their shore allowance.

Open house at MOE labs this weekend

The acid rain field laboratory near Dorset will open its doors to cottagers and permanent residents as Environment Ontario holds an information exposition for the Muskoka/Haliburton district Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

The open house is organized to give the public a chance to see the research program in operation and discuss the acid rain problem with Ministry technical experts and scientists who can explain details in layman's language.

Specialists with the Acid Precipitation in Ontario Study team, air, water and laboratory staff, will provide first-hand information, walk-through tours of the operation and demonstrations of scientific equipment used to sample and analyze acidity and other parameters.

Representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources will also be on hand to discuss the impact of acid rain on sport fishing.

The research facility, located at Paint Lake Road one mile west of Dorset, operates out of temporary laboratory-trailers to study the impact of acid rain on vulnerable lakes and rivers in this district.

Request sign removal

Cottagers on Denna Lake in Lutterworth Township would like to become a little less well known.

In a petition to the township council, read at the July 17 meeting, the cottagers requested that a sign on Highway 121 indicating the road to their lake, be removed. Those signing the document expressed concern

that the present sign, indicating the road led to a lake, feel it is an invitation to thieves and vandals.

According to the cottagers, the area has been the target of a number of break-ins since the sign was first erected.

They would like the present sign replaced by one that simply indicates the concession number of the road. They also request that council erect a "No Exit" or

similar sign at the start of the road to dissuade users from travelling the route.

It was noted at the council meeting that the Denna Lake sign is the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, but the

council would back the cottagers' request and inform the ministry of their concern.

A copy of the petition, expressing the concern of the cottagers, will also be sent to the MTC.

Boat gets away from driver

A boater on Little Kennis Lake narrowly escaped serious injury last Tuesday morning, (July 15).

A 22 year old Oshawa man was operating the power boat when he moved to the rear of the craft to replace a drain plug. While at the stern of the boat, the man fell overboard

and the craft, which was in gear, continued to move, travelling in a tight circle.

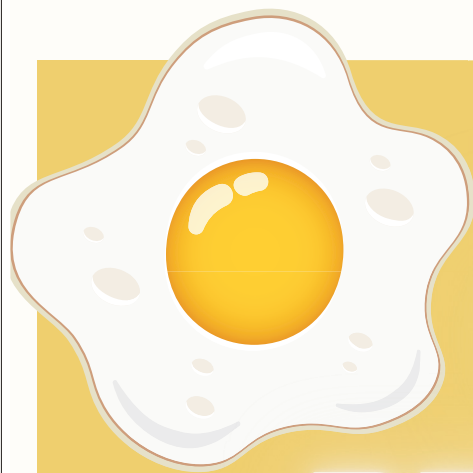
The boat continued in its circular path and eventually came close to the man in the water. He grabbed the front of the craft and was able to hold

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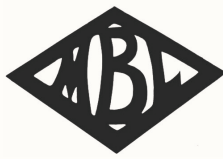
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